

Five- and One-Dollar Coins Will Honor Twain, Support Local Museum and House

HARTFORD – Congressmen John Larson (CT-01) and Blaine Luetkemeyer (MO-09) introduced the Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Act in the House of Representatives today. The bill looks to create a new set of five- and one-dollar silver coins that commemorate the life of Mark Twain.

The surcharges associated with the Twain coins will benefit four nonprofit organizations that preserve the work and legacy of Mark Twain, including the Mark Twain House and Museum in Hartford.

"Mark Twain's writing has left an indelible mark on the history of our country and our state," Congressman Larson said. "By creating these coins we not only honor Twain for his contributions to our country, but we also continue to support the organizations that preserve his legacy every day. And that is something worth working to ensure."

"A true American figure, Mark Twain's life and legacy is an important part of our country's history," Congressman Luetkemeyer said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle on this legislation that helps strengthen and continues Mark Twain's literary legacy, and will provide support to organizations that honor his contribution to American history."

According to the legislation the targeted year for the releasing of the coins into circulation is 2016.

We are honored to be a part of this amazing project that will help support Mark Twain's enduring American legacy," said Mark Twain House and Museum Executive Director Jeff Nichols. "Twain referred to his Hartford house as 'the loveliest home that ever was.' He adored it, and with the passage of this bill, we will ensure that his house will be preserved for visitors who adore Twain and his amazing literary legacy."